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Letter dated 10 March 1993 from the secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal addressed to the Secretary of the Commission on Human Rights

It was brought to my attention that at the 9 March night session of the Commission on Human Rights, during the debate of agenda item 14, "Human rights and scientific and technological developments", the representative of the non-governmental organization Centre Europe-Tiers Monde, Mr. Ozden, misquoted me in his statement to the Commission.

I would therefore like to put it on record that the Secretariat of the Basel Convention followed up very quickly on the issue of planned export of hazardous wastes from some European countries to Somalia. In addition to the cooperation with the Governments concerned leading to the stopping of all planned activities of export of hazardous wastes to Somalia, the secretariat sent two missions to Somalia to investigate the information received regarding the situation of disposal of hazardous wastes on Somali territory. These two missions took place from 24 September to 1 October 1992 and from 28 November to 6 December 1992. The reports of these two missions were sent to Mr. L.T. Kapungu, Director of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Somalia, and to the Somali authorities, as well as other interested bodies.

If the part of the statement of the Centre Europe-Tiers Monde misquoting me will be recorded in the report of the Commission, I would appreciate that this note also be reflected.

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